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NHAI extends length of N'gud Road flyover

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer's initiative comes to fruition; Another flyover approved at Yelethota-JSS College junction

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (RK&BS)- In a major initiative to address traffic bottlenecks on Mysuru-Nanjangud Highway (NH-766), especially at Bandipalya Outer Ring Road (ORR) junction in city, National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has approved the extension of ongoing flyover works beyond the ORR junction connecting towards Nanjangud Road.

The flyover from Bandipalya ORR junction extending beyond ORR connecting Nanjangud Road will be of 550 metres length and 240 metres width (span 9x25 metre + 1x15 metres), the works of which is yet to start. It will be taken up under the second phase of ongoing project, with the total cost estimated at Rs. 57.3 crore, it is said.

(See FLYOVER on page 7)

The flyover works under progress between Bandipalya APMC Gate and Outer Ring Road junction on Nanjangud Highway (NH-766) this morning.

Police checks take fizz out of New Year liquor sales

Single-day sales decline

Year	Period	Liquor (IML) sales	Beer sales	Total Sales
2024	Dec. 31	Rs. 6.41 cr. (88,046.41 ltrs)	Rs. 1.63 cr. (66,047.37 ltrs)	**Rs. 80.43 cr.**
2025	Dec. 31	Rs. 5.71 cr. (62,796.98 ltrs)	Rs. 1.23 cr. (44,883.39 ltrs)	**Rs. 69.45 cr.**
2024	Dec. 1-31	Rs. 81.89 cr. (11,46,255.00 ltrs)	Rs. 21.26 cr. (8,81,334.23 ltrs)	**Rs. 103.16 cr.**
2025	Dec. 1-31	Rs. 96.78 cr. (12,27,369.26 ltrs)	Rs. 24.20 cr. (9,37,087.86 ltrs)	**Rs. 121.00 cr.**

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (MTY&BCT)- Fearing strict Police enforcement against drunken driving, Mysuru witnessed a significant decline in alcohol consumption during this year's New Year's Eve celebrations on Dec. 31, 2025.

On Dec. 31, 2024, liquor sales in the district stood at Rs. 80.43 crore. On Dec.31, 2025, sales fell to Rs. 69.45 crore, seeing a decline of Rs. 10.98 crore in a

single day. However, total liquor sales between Dec. 1 and 31 touched Rs. 121 crore, setting a new benchmark for the month.

Anticipating heavy drunk-and-drive enforcement, Mysuru Traffic Police had begun checks from Dec. 24 and issued strict warnings against drinking and driving during New Year festivities.

For New Year's Eve, over 30 check-posts were set up inside the city to keep tabs on drunk revelry. This appears to have prompted many revellers to either abstain from alcohol or limit consumption.

(See LIQUOR on page 7)

MDA initiates 2,000-acre Bommenahalli Township

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (RK&BCT)- The Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) has initiated process for a major township housing project near Bommenahalli, Yelwal Hobli of Mysuru taluk, covering nearly 2,000 acres.

In an official notification issued on Dec. 30, MDA Commissioner K.R. Rakshit stated that project will be implemented under Sections 40 and 41 of the MDA Act, 2024, in accordance with Karnataka Urban Development Authority rules and the Government notification dated Feb. 11, 2015.

The scheme will follow a 50:50 farmer participation model, under which landowners who part with their land will receive 50 percent of developed plots without any financial investment. The township will be developed with wide asphalted roads, drainage, electricity connections, underground sewerage, water supply, streetlights, community halls, bus stands, shopping malls, parks and civic amenities. Of the developed sites, half will be handed back to original landowners.

The Commissioner has appealed to landowners in Nagavala, Bommenahalli, Kamaravalli and Doddamaragowdanahalli villages to provide consent for project.

For further details, landowners may contact Special Land Acquisition Officers at Room No. 16A of second floor, MDA building.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 2nd January 2026

India's Senior Super Star Award to Cartoonist Panduranga Rao

Mysuru, Jan. 2- The prestigious India's Senior Super Star of the Year Khyaal 50 Above 50, India's biggest Senior Talent Hunt Award, was given to noted Cartoonist B.V. Panduranga Rao in the 'Special Category' as Runner-up Prize for the year 2025.

He was presented with a certificate, a medal and a cash prize of Rs. 10,000. Participants over 50 years of age from all over the country had taken part.

B.V. Panduranga Rao

Rao, 82, was recognised for his outstanding contribution in the field of Cartooning, numerous achievements, Record Solo Cartoon Exhibitions, Cartoon Workshops, publication of his works in National and International Publications and so on.

His creations have got into Limca Book of Records 14 times, India Book of Records 15 times, various World Records 13 times.

He has won numerous awards at National and International-level Cartoon Contests and his works are published in Catalogs and exhibited in over 50 countries.

Multifarious Rao was a Cricketer, former Cricket Umpire and is a Badminton player till date.

A retired Engineer from Bhilai Steel Plant and a Hobby Cartoonist for the past 56 years, Rao was born in Mysuru and studied in Chamundipuram Middle School and Hardwicke High School before continuing his studies in Bengaluru.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

IT'S A BIG DEAL: ***An American negotiator involved in the long-drawn saga of the Indo-US trade deal described India as being "a tough nut to crack."***

When it comes to striking a bargain, ensuring that we make a deal of maximum benefit to us, we are indeed a tough nut to crack, being not of peanut size but of coconut dimensions. Bargaining in India is an extempore art form, like street theatre. Shopping in Jadu Babu's Bazaar on Chowringhee, in Calcutta, I'd pass stalls selling fish.

Bengalis take their fish and the price thereof very seriously and it is always the Bhadralok, the gent of the house, who forays out to procure this essential item of Bangla ranna, Bengali cuisine.

With an air of idle curiosity, as if he were just a passerby with time to spare and no intention of actually making a purchase, the crypto customer would ask the price of a particular fish. When told how much it cost, the enquirer would emote an admixture of astonishment and amazement and say that he was asking for the price of one fish, not for the entire catch of the day. And the serious business of bargaining would begin.

Driving a hard bargain is not restricted to Bengal or to the acquiring of fish. When I moved to Delhi, I found the practice well established in North India as well. An American diplomat told me that one of the things she liked most about India was shopping, for anything from foodstuffs to fashion accessories.

Markets like Sarojini Nagar and INA provided experiences she found refreshingly different from those of cold and clinically impersonal Western supermarkets, with everything sticker-priced and no room for haggling.

In India, I don't know what I'll end up paying or even what I'll end up buying, she said. I understood what she meant. What in the West is called retail therapy in India is recreational therapy.

That's what the game of bargaining is: A recreation to bar the other guy from gaining. Wishing you many happy bargains in the New Year. — *Jug Suraiya in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Brushing with world's first oral care robot

Tokyo: Dubbed as the world's first oral care robot, the "g.eN" robotic toothbrush is a device that cleans the user's teeth without any assistance.

Using technology developed by the Waseda University Robotics Laboratory, the "g.eN" robotic toothbrush features multiple small brush heads that move up, down, left, and right, powered by a small but powerful motor. It's designed to simultaneously clean both sides of teeth while minimising uneven brushing, which is apparently a problem with manual brushing.

Although the robotic toothbrush was originally intended as a more convenient alternative for people with physical limitations who cannot use a manual toothbrush, g.eN has already sparked the interest of the general public.

Football played on mountain slopes

Innsbruck: Alpine football is a variation of the world's most popular competitive sport that is played on steep mountain slopes in order to make it more difficult.

While most competitive sports usually take place on level playing fields, the main condition of Alpine football is that the pitch must be steep. It sounds downright impossible, but a group of football fans in the Austrian Alps claims that it's the ultimate way to play their favourite sport.

They came up with the idea for extreme alpine football during the 2014 World Cup, while watching a boring game and brainstorming for ways to spice it up a bit.

Fans of the sport in one such mountainous area decided to turn lemons into lemonade and use the terrain to invent a new variation. Now, locals take pride in only playing alpine football.

HEALTH CAPSULE

HoLEP Treats the Root Cause of Prostate Blockage

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By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T P - Consultant – Urology, Andrology & Transplant Surgery, Manipal Hospitals, Mysuru

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Disruption in power supply

Mysuru, Jan. 2- Due to underground cable laying works by Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) in V.V. Mohalla Sub-division limits and Jyothinagar Sub-division limits, there will be disruption in power supply in the following areas from 10 am to 6 pm during the period:

On Jan. 3

Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, behind Vidyavardhaka College, Sapthapadi Choultry and surrounding areas, Gokulam 3rd Stage, Doctors Colony, ESI Quarters and nearby areas, Jayadevanagar, Lokanayakanagar, Mathuranagar, Lingayyanakere, around Post Office, Hebbal Main Road and surrounding areas.

From Jan. 1 to 31

Jyothinagar, Gayathripuram, Chamundipuram Layout, Gopalagowda Hospital, Jalapuri, Vidyashankar Layout, Yaraganahalli, Rajkumar Road, Raghavendra Layout, Rajivnagar, Shaktinagar, KMF, DC Office, PF Office, Ghousianagar, Kyatamaranahalli, Renukadevi Block, Teresian College, Teacher's Layout, Udayagiri, Satyanagar, Muneshwaranagar, P&T Quarters, KEB Colony, Mahadevapura Road, Shantinagar, Bharatnagar, Nehrunagar, Manasinagar, Cauverynagar, Beedi Colony, Triveni Circle, Sathagalli B Zone, BSNL Layout, Paradise Layout, Devegowda Circle, DTS Raonagar, Kalyangiri, NG Kareem Block, Suryanarayana Temple, Christian Colony, Nagarajappa Layout, Dollar's Colony, NH Hospital, Prajwal Hospital, RTO Office, Abdul Kalam Layout, Ring Road and surrounding area, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineers.

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Last year's level **124.30 feet**	Last year's level **2,280.72 feet**	Last year's level **2,834.76 feet**
Yesterday's level **123.66 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,276.02 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,828.71 feet**
Today's Inflow **1,134 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **504 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **321 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **2,353 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **500 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **300 cusecs**

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TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 90.09
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 121.31
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 24.53
1 Euro	= Rs. 105.82

VOICE OF THE READER

Check rampant traffic signal skipping

Sir,

I welcome the installation of traffic signals at various junctions across Mysuru city by the authorities concerned.

Though the signals have been installed and are functioning properly, many vehicle owners — especially two-wheeler riders — are not following traffic rules at these junctions and are creating confusion among the public by skipping signals.

I request the traffic authorities to look into this rampant signal jumping and regulate traffic at signalised junctions to avoid inconvenience, particularly to fellow motorists and pedestrians.

—N.D. Shreenivaas
Bogadi 2nd Stage (South)
29.12.2025

Underground gas pipeline works stalled in Chamaraja: MLA

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (SPN&DM)- Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda said that underground LPG gas pipeline works have been stalled in his Constituency.

Harishgowda

He was speaking at the Pratibha Puraskar and felicitation of Pourakarmikas programme organised by Vishwamanava Vokkaligara Kshemabhivruddhi Sangha as part of Kuvempu Jayanti at Dr. Puttaraj Gavai Stadium in J.P. Nagar here recently.

Pointing out that the gas pipeline works contractor had to pay Rs. 1,450 crore at the rate of Rs. 2,950 per square metre to the MCC, Harishgowda said as the contractor continued the works without paying the money to the MCC, he had appealed the concerned Minister in the State Assembly to stall the works in Chamaraja Constituency until the contractor paid the amount. "Following my appeal, the gas pipeline works in Chamaraja Constituency have been stalled," he maintained. However, the works are going on in K.R. Constituency, he said and asked the Sangha President K.S. Krishna, who had earlier raised the issue of stalled pipeline works in J.P. Nagar, to get gas pipeline connection with the help of K.R. MLA T.S. Srivatsa.

Pratibha Puraskar was presented to meritorious students and senior members of the Sangha and several MCC Pourakarmikas were felicitated on the occasion.

50% discount on Kannada books

Mysuru, Jan. 2- As part of Republic Day, the Kannada Book Authority (KBA) has announced a 50 percent rebate on all its publications till Jan. 31.

The books are on display and sale at Sirigannada Book Shop in Kannada Bhavan premises at Bengaluru, at the Office of Assistant Director of Kannada and Culture Department in all districts of the State and also at other Sirigannada book outlets across Karnataka.

The books with 50 percent discount are also available online in the KBA website: *https://kpp.karnataka.gov.in.*

For more details, contact Ph: 080-22107705, according to a press release.

Mysore Institute of Gastroenterology performs advanced Pancreatic Surgery

Mysuru, Jan. 2- The Mysore Institute of Gastroenterology (MIG), a specialised unit of NJ Hospital, has achieved a major medical milestone by successfully treating a 14-year-old boy suffering from cystic fibrosis-related chronic calcific pancreatitis using 4K Enabled 3D Laparoscopic surgery.

This is the first time that 4K-enabled 3D laparoscopy, a world-class and state-of-the-art technology, has been used to perform minimally invasive pancreatic surgery in South Karnataka.

The surgery was carried out by Dr. Satish Durgesh and Dr. Sudish Durgesh, senior surgical gastroenterologists at MIG. The hospital is currently the only centre in Mysuru region equipped with 4K Enabled 3D Laparoscopy.

4k-Enabled 3d Laparoscopy is an advanced minimally invasive surgical technology that provides efficiency similar to robotic surgery, while remaining as affordable as conventional laparoscopic procedures.

Its high-definition 3D vision helps surgeons operate with better precision and safety, even in complex cases, ensuring improved outcomes for patients without added cost.

The use of minimally invasive techniques helped the patient recover faster, with less pain, minimal scarring and early return to normal activities, avoiding the complications usually associated with open surgery. After the procedure, the boy is pain-free, has regained lost weight and is leading a normal life.

Dr. Durgesh, Chairman, NJ Hospital, addressing mediapersons in city as Dr. Sudish Durgesh and Dr. Satish Durgesh look on.

Addressing mediapersons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan in city, Dr. Durgesh, Chairman, NJ Hospital, said, "Mysore Institute of Gastroenterology has been developed as a Centre of Excellence for Gastrointestinal and Liver care. Our goal is to bring world-class treatment standards to Mysuru and South Karnataka, so patients do not have to travel to metros for advanced GI and liver care."

Speaking about the surgery, Dr. Satish Durgesh said, "This was a complex pancreatic condition in a young patient. The availability of 4K 3D laparoscopy allowed us to perform the surgery with greater accuracy and safety, while ensuring faster recovery for the patient."

Dr. Sudish Durgesh highlighted the importance of advanced technology in such cases and said, "Pancreatic diseases are challenging to treat and require experience, teamwork and the right technology. Minimally invasive surgery has changed outcomes significantly, especially for young patients, and this case reflects that progress."

The Mysore Institute of Gastroenterology operates as a unit of NJ Hospital, with facilities at Yelawal and Paduvarahalli.

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NEWS BRIEFS

MCC pre-budget public meeting

Ahead of the preparations for the 2025-26 budget, the MCC will be holding consultative meetings with former city Mayors and Deputy Mayors on Jan. 5 and with members of the public, Associations and Organisations at Sri Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar Auditorium in MCC premises on Jan. 7. The meeting will take place at 12.30 pm on both the days.

Mahamrutyunjaya Homa on Jan. 3

Mahamrutyunjaya Homa will be performed at Sri Amruteshwara Temple located opposite Veterinary Hospital on Dewan's Road, Devaraja Mohalla on Jan. 3. The rituals will commence from 9.30 am and will conclude with Poornahuti at 12.30 pm. For details, contact Mob: 98451-83392 or 93421-83392.

Story-telling

As part of 'Kathe Kelona Banni - 913,' Kalasuruchi has organised story-telling by J. Indrani, in-charge Head Mistress, Government Higher Primary School, MCC Colony, Jyothinagar, Mysuru, at Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, in city on Jan. 3 between 4.30 pm and 5.30 pm. [Mob: 92435-81097]

J. Indrani

Ph.D awardees

B.L. Jyothi has been awarded Ph.D in Sericulture by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'Studies on the tree mulberry geometry and its impact on foliage and cocoon production in the traditional areas of Sericulture' submitted under the guidance of Dr. H.B. Manjunatha.

B. Sujatha has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the University of Mysore for her thesis titled 'H.S. Gopalarao Avara Sahitya' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M.G. Manjunatha.

Sanjay Kumar has been awarded Ph.D in Kannada by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis titled 'Basavaraja Sabarada Avara Kavya: Vibhinna Nelegalu' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Shahaseena Begum.

Dangling internet, TV cables pose daily danger

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (GA&KS)- Unscientifically drawn TV and internet cables and dangerously dangling wires — a common sight across the city — have become a serious threat to the motorists, especially two-wheeler riders, who often try to avoid them and end up skidding or falling on the road and injuring themselves.

These damaged and dangling cables frequently remain unattended on city roads for days, particularly in central areas, turning into an eyesore for tourists visiting Mysuru, a favoured destination.

One such trouble spot is Banumaiah Chowk on Rama Vilas Road, where overhead internet cables are often seen hanging dangerously low.

Recently, internet cables tied to electric poles were cut and sagged perilously close to the road, creating major problems for motorists and posing traffic hazards.

Heavy vehicles passing through Banumaiah Chowk towards Santhepet damaged an overhead internet cable, leaving it dangling close to the road surface. Alert passersby, attempting to warn motorists of the danger ahead, tied a small tree branch to the hanging cable.

This stretch of road is heavily used by people visiting the area to buy fruits, vegetables, groceries, agricultural equipment, fertilisers and seeds. The recurring cable menace has caused repeated inconvenience and raised serious safety concerns. Residents and traders have questioned why a permanent solution has not been found.

According to traders, such cables get snapped several times a week after becoming entangled with trucks and other heavy vehicles.

"At times, we ourselves remove the damaged cables and place them on the roadside to ensure smooth traffic flow. Later, representatives of the concerned internet service providers arrive, inspect the wire and call technicians to repair it. The cable is then pulled up and tied to electric poles. After a day or two, the same problem recurs and the same temporary fix is repeated," traders said.

The anxious general public, motorists and traders have urged the civic and traffic authorities to step in and implement a permanent solution to this persistent problem.

Overhead internet cables hanging dangerously low at Banumaiah Chowk on Rama Vilas Road.

On the pretext of extending help...

Couple cheats cybercrime victim of Rs. 25.83 lakh

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (KS)- A woman, who was already duped by cybercriminals to the tune of lakhs of rupees, has again been cheated by a couple, who under the pretext of helping her recover the money instead cheated her of over Rs. 25 lakh.

A case has been registered at city's CEN Police Station.

In her complaint, the woman has stated that about six months ago, she befriended another woman identified as Anusha and her husband Kishore on Facebook. Anusha, citing financial problems, had got Rs. 1.5 lakh transferred twice from the woman to Kishore's PhonePe account.

Meanwhile, Anusha had advertised about getting jobs in private and Government sectors on her Facebook page. The woman then contacted Kishore on his mobile number which was displayed in the advertisement and told him that she was in need of a job. She also told him that she was cheated by cybercriminals earlier.

Kishore then told the woman that he would help her recover the money legally or illegally besides telling her that his father was working in the Police Department and he knew Police officers in the Cybercrime Police Station.

Kishore later told the woman that the money she had lost to cybercriminals had been frozen and she had to spend some money to release it. He later told the woman that payment has to be made to the hacker, file a case in the Court, has to keep security deposit in the Court, file ITR and also pay the Public Prosecutor and thus got a total of Rs. 21.13 lakh transferred from the woman in phases.

He again told her that she had to pay lawyer's fee and again got Rs. 3.50 lakh transferred besides taking gold ornaments from the woman, all worth Rs. 25.83 lakh, thus cheating her.

City records 2,467 crime cases in 2025

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (KS) - As many as 2,467 criminal cases — including robbery, extortion, murder, rape, missing persons and consumption and sale of narcotic substances — were registered in the city last year.

From Jan. 1, 2025 to Dec. 29, a total of 2,467 FIRs related to both petty and serious offences were registered across all Police Stations in the city, excluding the Women's Police Station. In addition, more than 1,000 road accident cases were reported at the city's five Traffic Police Stations during the same period.

Of the total cases, four Police Stations under Mysuru taluk alone accounted for 1,125 cases, highlighting the concentration of crime in these areas. Data for the last two days of 2025 is yet to be compiled.

Development works worth Rs. 1.20 crore launched

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (MK&DM)- Continuing his developmental works, MLA K. Harishgowda performed ground breaking ceremony for a couple of civic works in Chamaraja Constituency recently.

The MLA performed 'guddali puja' for underground drainage works extending from Sitavilas Road to Ramanuja Road coming under MCC Ward 23 and asphalting of the stretch from 15th Cross to Azam Mosque on Ashoka Road and other streets shooting off from Ashoka Road.

The total cost of the developmental works is Rs. 1.20 crore funded under SFC special grant.

Later, the MLA heard grievances from the local public and directed the officials concerned to resolve the issues raised by the residents.

Local Congress party leaders Anand, Mahadev, Jnanesh, Lokesh, Manju, Jagadish, Srinivas, Pavan, Nitin, Shankar,Nagaraj, Uttanahalli Shivanna, Nanjundi, Naveen, Manjula, Mangala and Shanti, MCC Officers Venkatesh, Dhanush, Krishnamurthy and others were present.

Obituary

S. Kumar

Mysuru, Jan. 2- S. Kumar (70), proprietor of Narayan Fine Arts and Crafts (rosewood furniture manufacturer) at Mandi Mohalla and a resident of N.R. Mohalla, passed away yesterday night in city.

He leaves behind his wife Vinoda Kumari, son Sathyanarayan Swamy, daughter Lakshmi and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Jodi Tenginamara Burial Grounds at Bannimantap this afternoon.

‘Do not rent out MDA building to private silk showroom’

Ittigegud, Nazarbad residents protest against handing over of building meant for Passport Seva Kendra

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (GA&KS) - In the wake of Mysuru Development Authority (MDA) renting out a newly constructed building near Mysuru Zoo — originally intended to house the Passport Seva Kendra and the Office of National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) — to a private silk showroom, the concerned residents of Ittigegud, Nazarbad and surrounding areas staged a protest in front of the MDA building this morning urging the authorities to either open a Government Office or a Government School in the said building.

In their letter addressed to the Deputy Commissioner, who is also the MDA Chairman, the protestors said that the building earlier housed a Government School for children of construction workers involved in building Mysore Palace. The new structure was built after the School was merged with another school following which the old building was demolished. The MDA subsequently constructed a new facility at the site, which was officially earmarked for the Passport Seva Kendra and the NHAI Office, they added.

Pointing out that Government guidelines stipulate that public buildings must be allotted to Government Departments, they said that the decision to rent out the Government building to a private silk showroom has therefore raised questions about transparency, decision-making and adherence to public asset management norms.

The protestors said that there are many Government Offices functioning from private rented buildings which can be shifted to this new MDA building instead of giving it on rent to private parties.

They urged the DC to either shift a Government Office or open a Government School in this building failing which they warned of intensifying their protest. BJP leader Raghu Kautilya extended support to residents Kodandaramu, Gokul Govardhan, Achuta, Venkatesh, Nithin, Harisha and others in the protest.

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Ballari group clash: 1 gunned down

FIR filed against 11 including MLA G. Janardhan Reddy

Rajashekar

Ballari, Jan. 2 (Agencies)- Following the clash between Congress and BJP workers that took a violent turn with a Congress worker fatally hit by bullet, a First Information Report (FIR) has been filed against Gangavathi MLA and former Minister Gali Janardhan Reddy and 10 others.

The clashes broke out near Reddy’s residence in Avvambhavi area of Ballari yesterday evening, over the issue of tying a banner of unveiling Maharshi Valmiki’s bust.

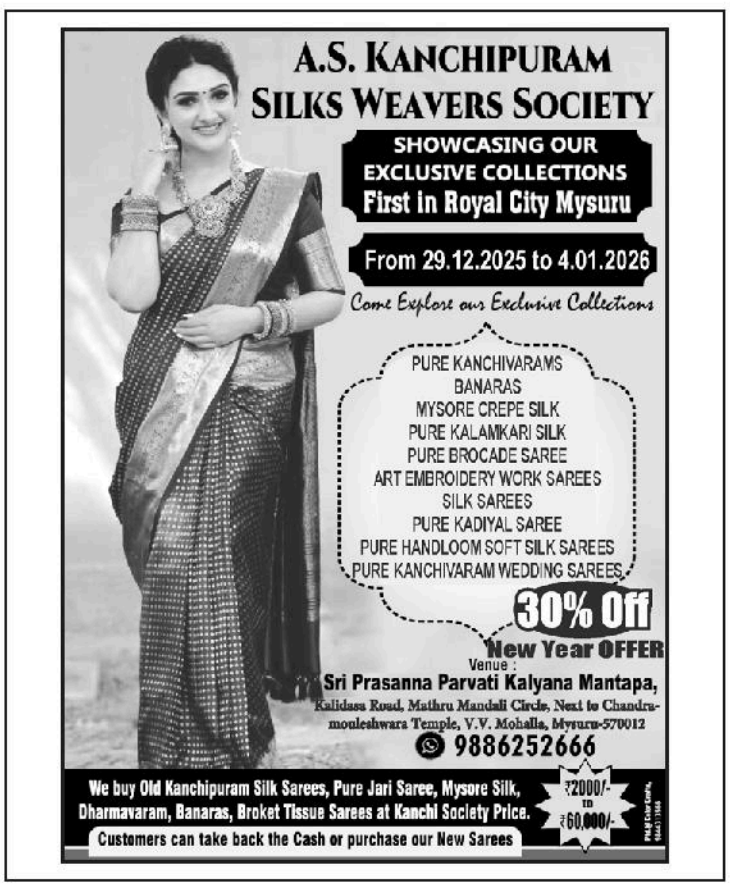
The FIR was registered around 1 am today (Jan. 2) at Brucepet Police Station, after a complaint was filed by Chanal Shekhar, an associate of Ballari City MLA Nara Bharat Reddy.

The deceased Congress worker is identified as Rajashekar, a resident of Hussain Colony in the town.

Janardhan Reddy has been named as Accused No.1 in the case while his brother and former MLA Somasekhar Reddy is listed as Accused No. 2.

Former Minister B. Sriramulu has been named as Accused No.3 and Ballari City Corporation Opposition Leader Motkar Srinivas as Accused No. 4, totalling 11 persons named in the FIR.

The case is booked under various Sections ofthe Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) including Sections 109 (attempt to murder), 115 (voluntarily causing hurt), 118(1) (voluntarily causing hurt using dangerous weapons or means), 191(2) (punishment for rioting), 189(2) (unlawful assembly), 352 (intentional insult with intent to provoke breach of peace) and 351 (criminal intimidation).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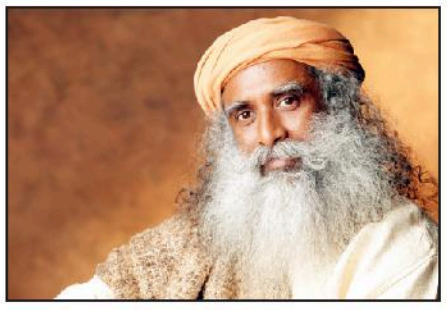
MYSTIC'S MUSINGS

By Sadhguru - Founder, Isha Foundation



Empowering the Nation

A nation isn't its land and buildings — it is its people. If we, as a nation, have to rise and become empowered, the first thing we need to do is to empower the people.

Empowerment is not amassing of material wealth or technology. It is an entirely inner process, a spiritual process. Without the necessary sensitivity, inner balance and the faculty of discrimination in individuals, widespread negativity and perversions creep in. This is how a human being or an entire culture sinks to its depths.

Never before has mankind been as comfortable as it is today. The kind of comforts and conveniences that even kings did not have a hundred years ago are now available to the common man. Today our pursuit for these comforts is so vigorous that the very life of our planet is being threatened. Yet, we are not any happier than our forefathers. This is because we are trying to create an outwardly perfect life, when the quality of our lives is essentially based upon our interiority.

With the advancement of science and technology, we have brought ourselves to a self-threatening situation. It would take just one fool to blow everything up. So spirituality is no longer a fancy pursuit but an absolute necessity for our own survival and the planet's survival. Unless some sense of oneness touches us, especially our leadership, self-destruction is a live threat.

Developing the spiritual core of humanity does not mean propagating any particular religion. Unfortunately, today most religions have been reduced to mere belief systems. And belief systems are bound to conflict with one another. Spirituality means to raise the body, mind and spirit to its true potential. Once this is established, other challenges can be handled effortlessly. When we strive to create human beings functioning at their ultimate potential, their general well-being is naturally taken care of.

In every society it is necessary to have people whose passion in life is beyond their own well-being. Every society needs those individuals who will go on planting mango trees without thinking whether they will get to eat the fruits or not.

Of all the degenerations we have suffered, this is the most damaging. This nation has been deprived of its greatest strength of producing exalted beings who are rooted in a different dimension of existence and whose very presence is a blessing to the planet. We value this culture not because we are born into it, but because this culture had perfected the technology of producing such beings.

One example that the world is familiar with is Gautama Buddha. As a prince, he could have had a few more wives and children and ruled over his little kingdom. But as an Enlightened Being, he went on to change the course of life on the planet.

Even today, producing such human beings is not a distant dream, we just need to work for it. With the spiritual legacy of this land, with the spiritual processes that are available to us today, it is definitely a possibility. If we dedicate ourselves to making this happen around us, we will see something tremendous happening in our own lifetime.

[Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, a yogi, is a visionary, humanitarian and a prominent spiritual leader. An author, poet and internationally-renowned speaker, Sadhguru's wit and piercing logic provoke and widen our perception of life. www.ishafoundation.org]

Two-day workshop on 'Urban Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Change' begins

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (MK&DM)- The two-day workshop on 'Urban Vulnerability Assessment and Climate Change' organised by the University of Mysore's (UoM) School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) and sponsored by Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (RUSA), began at Prof. K.S. Rangappa auditorium in School of Planning and Architecture premises in Manasagangothri campus here this morning.

Speaking after inaugurating the workshop, UoM Vice-Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath said "Cities are at the forefront of climate change impacts and urban vulnerability. Today, more than half of the world's population lives in urban areas and this proportion is expected to increase to nearly 70 percent by 2050. India's urban landscape is undergoing unparalleled transformation. With over 35 percent of the population residing in urban areas and that share projected to reach 40 percent by 2035, driven by rural migration, cities are increasingly becoming engines of economic growth, social opportunity and demographic dynamism. Urban areas concentrate people, assets, infrastructure and economic activity, making them both engines of development and hotspots of climate risk". Pointing out that Urban Vulnerability Assessment (UVA) has emerged as a critical tool to understand how climate change affects cities, Prof. Lokanath observed that today, cities are most at risk and as such, they need targeted interventions.

Mysore University VC Prof. N.K. Lokanath seen watering the sapling to inaugurate the workshop at School of Planning and Architecture (SPA) in Manasagangothri campus here this morning. Others seen are** (from left) **Head of Department of Planning Prof. H.N. Nagendra, Convenor Dr. H.S. Kumara, SPA Director Prof. Pramod M. Gawari and Dr. S. Gopiprasad, Head ESG of Puravankara and Provident Housing Limited, Bengaluru.

Dr. S. Gopiprasad, Head ESG (Environmental, Social & Governance) of Puravankara and Provident Housing Limited, Bengaluru, who delivered the keynote address, said that the workshop provides a professional overview of climate change in the urban context and explains the purpose, framework and application of Urban Vulnerability, Assessments in Planning and Decision-Making.

This workshop focuses specially on Exposure, Sensitivity and Adaptative capacity, he said adding that it will also deals with understanding the components of Urban Vulnerability Assessment, which includes Biophysical, Socio-economic, Environmental, Geospatial Mapping and Analysis and Stakeholders Engagement in assessment action.

The two-day workshop which concludes tomorrow (Jan.3), features four technical sessions, with two sessions each day.

Former Minister Ramdas releases Newspaper Distributors' calendar

Ex-Minister S.A. Ramdas and MLC K. Shivakumar seen releasing the calendar brought out by Mysuru City Newspaper Distributors Association at Patrakarthara Bhavan in city this morning along with Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President K. Deepak, senior journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar, Newspaper Distributors Association President Suresh, office-bearers Lokesh, Sundar, Nageshmurthy and others.

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (MTY&DM)- Former Medical Education Minister S.A. Ramdas released the new year calendar (2026) brought out by Mysuru City Newspaper Distributors Association at a programme organised at Patrakarthara Bhavan on Thyagaraja Road in K.R. Mohalla here this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Ramdas, who is also the Honorary President of Newspaper Distributors Association, while responding to MLC K. Shivakumar's suggestion that he (Ramdas) should continue in active politics, said that he had 'sat down for having meals' ahead of the 2023 Assembly polls, when he was unceremoniously asked to get up, which left him deeply disappointed. "This made me to quit active politics and continue with my social work. When I was first elected as the K.R. MLA in 1994, my parents had asked me not to malign my hand and blood and I have followed the advice of parents since then. As a former Minister and MLA, I am getting a pension of Rs.1.55 lakh, which I am using it for leading life and I am satisfied with that. I have often felt that electoral politics is enough and as such I will continue with my social work," he maintained.

MLC Shivakumar and senior journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar were felicitated on the occasion.

Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President K. Deepak, Mysuru City Newspaper Distributors Association President Suresh, office-bearers Lokesh, Sundar, Nageshmurthy and others were present.

Mallikarjun Baladandi takes charge as Mysuru SP

***Mallikarjun Baladandi** (right), who took charge as the new Superintendent of Police (SP) of Mysuru, being greeted by Additional SP C. Mallik at the SP Office in Nazarbad here yesterday. Mallikarjun was earlier serving as the Mandya SP before being transferred to Mysuru.*

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

Beneficiaries to get house allotment letters soon

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (DM) - The Rajiv Gandhi Rural Housing Corporation Limited (RGRHCL), a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) formed by the Karnataka Government to provide affordable housing for the State's economically and socially weaker sections, is preparing to distribute allotment letters to beneficiaries who have paid their contribution towards construction cost, under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana housing scheme.

At present, more than 1,700 beneficiaries in Krishnaraja, Varuna and Chamundeshwari Assembly segments, have paid their share of contribution for allotment of houses under the scheme, following which the RGRHCL authorities have begun preparations for distribution of allotment letters to beneficiaries.

The RGRHCL is constructing a total of 3,886 group houses at two locations in city outskirts, which include 2,446 houses for eligible beneficiaries of Chamundeshwari Assembly segment and 1,440 houses for beneficiaries of Krishnaraja (KR) and Varuna Assembly Constituencies combined together. The 1,440 houses (500 for Varuna and 940 for KR) for Varuna and KR Assembly Constituencies is coming up in a 9-acre area at Srinivasa Layout in Lalithadripura at a cost of Rs. 205 crore, while 2,446 houses meant for beneficiaries of Chamundeshwari Assembly segment is coming up in a 34 acre area near KSOU's extended campus at Mandakalli.

Out of the 3,886 houses, the construction of 1,920 houses is near complete, while construction of 1,100 houses is underway.

With the group houses are nearing completion, the authorities have handed over all the applications received from aspirants to Ashraya Samitis, headed by the respective Legislators.

The Legislators representing the three Constituencies (Krishnaraja, Varuna and Chamundeshwari) will select the beneficiaries based on seniority of waiting, following which the list of beneficiaries will be finalised and sent to the RGRHCL for sanction.

Later, the MLAs will distribute the house allotment letters to eligible beneficiaries.

Police checks take fizz out of New Year liquor sales

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Compared to last year, sales this New Year declined by 25,249.43 litres of Indian Made Liquor (IML) valued at Rs. 70,02,691 and 21,163.98 litres of beer worth Rs. 39,77,974.

Rs. 69.45 crore liquor sales in a single day

On Dec. 31, 2025, liquor outlets across Mysuru district recorded sales of Rs. 5,71,15,687.67 from 62,796.98 litres of Indian Made Liquor (IML) and Rs. 1,23,33,030.90 from 44,883.39 litres of beer, taking the total to Rs. 69.45 crore in a single day at Karnataka State Beverages Corporation Limited (KSBCL) Depots.

In comparison, on Dec. 31, 2024, sales amounted to Rs. 6,41,18,379.36 for 88,046.41 litres of IML and Rs. 1,63,11,005.39 for 66,047.37 litres of beer, aggregating to Rs. 80.43 crore.

Despite the dip on New Year's Eve, liquor consumption during December as a whole touched a record. Between Dec. 1 and 31, 2025, sales included Rs. 96,78,88,525.47 from 12,27,369.26 litres of IML and Rs. 24,20,80,261.50 from 9,37,087.86 litres of beer, totalling Rs. 121 crore. This represents an increase of Rs. 17.84 crore compared to December 2024.

In December 2024, Mysuru district recorded liquor sales of Rs. 81,89,90,561.31 for 11,46,255.00 litres of Indian Made Liquor and Rs. 21,26,30,359.30 for 8,81,334.23 litres of beer, together amounting to Rs. 103.16 crore.

1,000 licensed liquor outlets

Mysuru district has over 1,000 licensed liquor outlets, including CL-2 (wine stores), CL-4 (clubs), CL-7 (bars with dining and lodging facilities), and CL-9 (bars and restaurants).

In addition, there are more than 100 Mysore Sales International Limited (MSIL) outlets. All these centres reported brisk business during the festive season.

New Year's Eve celebrations were most intense within Mysuru city limits, accounting for around 70 percent of the district's liquor sales, while the remaining 30 percent came from taluks and rural areas. Some customers reportedly purchased liquor parcels in the city and transported them to villages for celebrations.

Duty hike, marijuana, opium caused less liquor sales

Liquor sales during this year's New Year celebrations have dropped by 35 percent compared to last year, said S. Guruswamy, State President of the Federation of Wine Merchants Association.

A total of 1.94 lakh boxes of liquor and 87,000 boxes of beer were sold. Beer sales declined by 27 percent, while Indian Made Liquor sales fell by 35 percent.

The primary reason for the decline, he said, is the increase in excise duty, which has discouraged consumers from purchasing liquor. Higher taxes have made premium liquor costlier, prompting many to opt for cheaper alternatives.

At the same time, the availability and use of marijuana (ganja), drugs and opium have increased. Substances priced as low as Rs. 10 to Rs. 20 are drawing some people away from alcohol consumption. This trend is not limited to Mysuru alone but is being witnessed across the State, Guruswamy added.

NHAI extends length of N'gud Road flyover

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Including the ongoing flyover works connecting ORR junction from near the second gate of Bandipalya APMC, the total distance of flyover will be of 1.5 kms.

Original plan

Originally, the plan was to build the flyover with two underpasses at APMC gates — main gate and second gate — covering 950 metres, at the cost of Rs. 37.3 crore. The Detailed Project Report (DPR) had been approved 10 years ago.

Accordingly, one underpass has been built with 1 span in front of APMC main gate of 12x20 metres width and another near second gate, with two span and 1.20 metres width. The NHAI had awarded the tender through an agency and works are nearing completion.

MP inspects

After Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar inspected the project proposal, it was not found viable and inspected the spot along with NHAI authorities. The plan was revised, stretching towards Nanjangud Road, spanning 550 metres, which has been approved. The works will be launched in the second phase of project.

Another flyover

Another project related to the construction of flyover at Yelethota Road and JSS College junction has also been approved by NHAI.

Nadabrahma Sabha to celebrate 69th Anniversary this weekend

Dattaprasad

Manoj

Soorya

Ankush

Ratna Teja

Skanda

Dr. Gopalarajan

Mysuru, Jan. 2- Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha will celebrate its 69th Anniversary, an endowment in memory of Dr. A.K. Gopalarajan, sponsored by fraternity of doctors, with a series of programmes this weekend — Jan. 3 and 4 — at its premises on JLB Road.

Jan. 3 - 6 pm: Dr. Nagamani Srinath will be awarded 'Nadabrahma' title and a cash award instituted by Vid. Chitraveena N. Ravikiran in honour of Digvijaya Nadavani Nadabrahma Vidya Varidhi Gottuvadyam Narayana Iyengar for Musical Excellence.

Prize distribution for Nadakishorotsava 2025 winners — Prizes sponsored by Dr. K.V. Lakshmidevi, K.V. Umadevi and K.V. Sarala S. Kumar in memory of parents K.V. Venkateshayya and Girijamma:

1. Dattaprasad Avadhooth - Nadakishora title, 1st prize and Best Male Vocalist (in memory of Bellary M. Venkateshachar sponsored by Bellary M. Raghavendra)

2. R.S. Manoj - 2nd prize and Best Male Vocalist (in memory of Bellary M. Venkateshachar sponsored by Bellary M. Raghavendra).

3. G. Soorya - 3rd prize.

4. Ankush Kadaba - consolation prize.

5. Rupanagudi Ratna Teja- Best Violinist.

6. Skanda Bharadwaj - Best Mridangist.

The Award Ceremony will be followed by 'Devi Vaaggeya Vaibhava,' a musical concert conceived and directed by Dr. Mysore Nagamani Srinath.

Participating vocalists are Dr. Uma Kumar, Pavani Bharadvaj, Anjali Sriram, Bhagyalakshmi and Chaitra Raghunandan; Instrumentalists are Aditi Krishna Prakash, Smitha Srikiran, Deepika Srinivasan and Bhagyalakshmi M. Krishna.

Jan. 4 - 6 pm: Smt. Rukmini Ammal and Sri Ramaswamy Iyengar Memorial concert sponsored by Madhuri Thathachari will be presented by Dattaprasad Avadhooth (vocal) with Rupanagudi Ratna Teja on violin and Skanda Bharadwaj on mridanga.

Dattaprasad Avadhooth is an upcoming singer who hails from a musical background Ganavaridhi Vidu. Kalavathy Avadhooth and his grandfather being Sangeetha Kalaratna Vid. Bangalore K. Venkatram and his grandmother being Gamaka Kala Kogile Vidu. G.R. Jaya. His father is D. Avadhooth who is a great connoisseur of music and a great Dattopasaka.

He is currently learning under his mother and Vid. Udupi Gopalakrishnan and is undergoing voice culture training from Abhijit Shenoy. He is also learning mridanga from Vid. H.S. Sudhindra.

Dattaprasad is known for having participated in Zee Kannada SaReGaMaPa Little Champs where he reached the semifinals and recently, SaReGaMaPa Championship series where he was a finalist.

Born on Dec. 8, 2003, he has performed at prestigious organisations. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and is pursuing his Master's in the same and wants to research relationship between Music & Psychology. He has also narrated the holy Sripada Srivallabha Charitaamritham in English in a series of chapters on his YouTube channel and has sung various Marathi Abhangs for the same.

Conferring of 'Nadabrahma' title on Dr. Nagamani Srinath

Prof. G.N. Nagamani Srinath is an internationally reputed Karnatak classical vocal musician. She is a multifaceted personality, a combination of a teacher, educationalist, composer, author, organiser, administrator, director and philanthropist. She has served in the field of art for over the past six decades and is an 'A Top' artiste of AIR and Doordarshan.

Gold medals for academic excellence, titles, awards, appreciation, citations and laurels have followed throughout her career for her outstanding contributions, few of them being Central Sangeet Natak Akademi Puraskar (First Karnataka lady Artiste for Karnatak Music), Ganayogi Panchakshari Gawai Rashtreeya Prashasti (First artiste to receive this highest National Award from Karnataka Government for Lifetime Achievement), Rajyotsava Prashasti & Sangeeta Kalacharya - Madras Music Academy.

She is an internationally reputed musician, who started performing solo concerts at a very young age of 9. She has performed all across India and abroad including USA, Canada, UK, UAE, Singapore, Australia, Malaysia and many more countries and has chaired and performed at numerous prestigious Conferences and Festivals.

She served as Professor and Head of the Department of Music at Government Maharani's College in Mysuru and Jain University in Bengaluru for over 40 years.

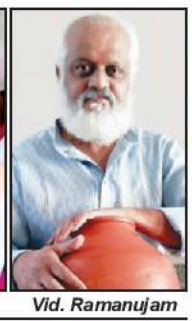
She is a composer of more than 200 kritis. Furthermore, she has authored many books. Presently, she is an Executive Board Member of Central Sangeet Natak Akademi.

Moonlight Music at Suttur

Vid. Shashank

Vid. Nishanth

Vid. Arjun Kumar


Vid. Ramanujam

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (VNS) - Suttur Mutt has organised a flute recital by **Vid. Shashank Subramanyam** on Jan. 3 at Suttur Mutt premises in the foot of Chamundi Hill at 6 pm as part of its monthly moonlight music programme.

Vid. Shashank Subramanyam, a native of Rudrapatna in Arkalgud taluk, Hassan district, learnt Karnatak vocal from Vid. Palghat K.V. Narayanaswamy and Hindustani vocal from Pt. Jasraj. A self-taught flautist, he has received several awards including Sangeet Natak Akademi Award and highest cultural award from France.

He has also featured in 'Destination Music' documentary produced by BBC. An 'A Top' artiste of AIR, Vid. Shashank is a recipient of Kalaimamani Award by Tamil Nadu among others.

He will be accompanied by **Vid. Nishanth Chandran** on violin, **Vid. Arjun Kumar** on mridanga and **Vid. G.S. Ramanujam** on ghata.

Rotary Kadamba Ranga Award Presentation Ceremony

Srimathi

Subbanarasimha

Krishna

Dinesh

Mysuru, Jan. 2- The 'Rotary Kadamba Ranga Award-2026' Presentation Ceremony, jointly organised annually by Rotary Mysore North and Kadamba Rangavedike, will be held at the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI) on JLB Road in city on Jan. 9 at 6 pm.

This year, the prestigious award will be presented to renowned Mysuru artistes Srimathi Hariprasad, Subbanarasimha, Krishna Janamana and Dinesh Chammalige.

Progressive Thinker Prof. Kalegowda Nagawara will present the awards. Senior Theatre artiste Rameshwari Verma will be the guest of honour.

Profiles of the Awardees

Srimathi Hariprasad: A powerhouse in Mysuru's amateur theatre, Srimathi Hariprasad has been active for over six decades. At 88, she remains incredibly dynamic, contributing as an actress, organiser, writer, feminist and a resource person in the field of science. Her lifelong dedication continues to inspire the theatre community.

Subbanarasimha: With a career spanning sixty years, Subbanarasimha began his journey performing in traditional 'Ganapathi Chappara' plays. He established himself as a versatile actor by performing with prominent troupes like Amara Kalasangha, Kadamba Rangavedike and Kalasuruchi. Beyond acting, he has handled significant responsibilities behind the scenes.

Krishna Janamana: A rural talent at heart and a Principal by profession, Krishna Janamana is deeply involved in theatre, journalism and literature. He has directed several acclaimed plays and performed street plays across Karnataka through his organisation, 'Desiranga.' He is also dedicated to teaching folk dances like Dollu Kunita, Kamsale and Puja Kunita to college students.

Dinesh Chammalige: An honest 'theatre seeker,' Dinesh has made significant contributions to children's theatre both as an actor and director. He founded the 'Nalwadi Social, Cultural and Educational Trust' to promote quality theatre productions. He has worked with many legends of the stage and is widely recognised as a mentor on popular TV reality shows like 'Maja Bharata' and 'Comedy Talkies.'

Winter Football League - 2025

DPS Mysuru emerges champion

Mysuru, Jan. 2- **Delhi Public School (DPS) Mysuru** emerged as winners of Winter Football League - 2025, a district-level tournament for high school students, organised by Perfect Pass Fitness and Football Coaching Academy in association with Mysuru District Football Association recently.

In the finals, Delhi Public School (DPS) Mysuru defeated De Paul Public School 2-1.

Football teams from schools including Delhi Public School, Kendriya Vidyalaya (KV) Mysuru, De Paul Public School, JSS School, Police Public School, Future Foundation School, JSS Teachers Layout School and Kodagu Model School participated in the tournament.

Mysuru District Football Association General Secretary L. Manjunath, DPS Mysuru Principal Manju Sharma and De Paul Public School Principal Fr. Jomesh were the chief guests during the valedictory event. Perfect Pass Fitness coaches K.B. Manjunath, Chandan, Rizvi and Bharat were present on the occasion.

RESULTS

Champions: Delhi Public School, Mysuru
Runners-up: De Paul Public School
1st Runner-up: Future Foundation School
2nd Runner-up: Kendriya Vidyalaya, Mysuru

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Emerging Player: Shibli Hassan (DPS)
Best Player of Tournament: Akshobhya (DPS)
Best Goalkeeper: Ravi (KV)
Best Defender: Shreyan Appanna (DPS)
Golden Boot (Top Scorer): Akshobhya (DPS)

KSCA Inter-Zonal Tournament

Nikhil to lead Mysuru Zone U-14 boys team

Nikhil G. Chethan

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (VNS)- Nikhil G. Chethan will lead U-14 KSCA (Karnataka State Cricket Association) Mysuru Zone boys team for the upcoming KSCA Inter-Zonal U-14 Tournament to be held in Bengaluru from tomorrow.

Mysuru Zone has been placed in Group 'B' along with Raichur Zone, Bengaluru Zone, Combined City XI, Mangaluru Zone and Secretary XI. Mysuru team will face Bengaluru Zone in the first match on Jan. 3 at BGS (T) grounds. The tournament will be held in two-day format.

Team: Nikhil G. Chethan (Captain), S. Sachin Raj (Vice-Captain), Ayush A. Urs, Benaka R. Gowda, G. Guruprasad, Jayanth R. Gowda (Wicket-Keeper), C.K. Likith (Wicket-Keeper), Nishanth Arun, R. Pratham, C.S. Punith Gowda, Samay Jayashankar, S.A. Sashreek, N.P. Shivakumar, Surya Venkatesh and H. Swaroop. **Standbys:** S.A. Arjun, Mohammed Zain Shariff, Ravi Bhargav Gowda, K.R. Samrudh and U. Samrudh. **Coach:** Kafeel Ahmed; **Manager:** S. Prabhakara.

Open selection trials for senior women at KSCA

Mysuru, Jan. 2 (VNS)- Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA), Bengaluru, will be conducting open selection trials to select three/four teams in the senior women's category (One-Day) on Jan.4 at KSCA B Grounds at Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.

Girls from mofussil centres will be provided dormitory facilities only on Jan. 4 for freshening up. Girls who are born on or before Aug. 8, 2009 are eligible for selection trials. Those below 16 years will not be eligible. Participants should carry a photocopy of their date of birth certificate.

Girls from Mysuru who wish to participate in selection trials can register their names at KSCA Mysuru Zone office without fail, stated a press release from P. Srinivas Prasad, Convenor, KSCA Mysuru Zone.

In a boost to women's cricket, KSCA Mysuru will be providing space for women cricketers in all age categories to practice at SDNR Wadiyar Stadium in Manasagangothri on every Saturday starting tomorrow (Jan.3). Women cricketers must wear white uniform and bring their own cricket kits. The cricket nets will be open from 8 am.

Selected for Khelo India

Mysuru, Jan. 2 - **Manoj,** a student of JSS Residential School in Suttur, has been selected to take part in the Khelo India National-level Mallakhamba competition to be held at Daman and Diu from Jan. 5 to 7.

Badminton player Diya Bheemaiah receives Bal Gaurav Award

Mysuru, Jan. 2- **Boppanda Diya Bheemaiah,** a promising badminton player from Mysuru, has been honoured with Karnataka Government's prestigious Bal Gaurav Award for 2022-23.

The award was conferred by Karnataka State Bal Vikas Academy in recognition of exceptional achievements by children under the age of 18.

According to the selection list released by the Academy, Diya received the award in the Junior Category - Sports, acknowledging her outstanding performance and consistent excellence in badminton. She is currently ranked among the top badminton players in Karnataka.

As Diya was representing India at Astana International Challenge 2025 badminton tournament in Kazakhstan, the award was received on her behalf by her mother Kusuma.

Diya has been training under Head Coach Arun Pemmaiah at Sports Park Badminton Academy in Mysuru, with guidance and mentorship from Senior Coach B.P. Bheemaiah, her father.

She is pursuing her 2nd PUC Science at Vidhyaashram and is presently undergoing advanced training at Centre of Excellence under the Badminton Association of India (BAI) in Assam.

The ceremony was held last month at the Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi and the award was presented in the presence of Women and Child Development Minister Lakshmi Hebbalkar, Bal Vikas Academy President Sangamesh Babaleswar and several other dignitaries.

Bal Gaurav Award is the highest recognition bestowed by the Karnataka Government on children for extraordinary accomplishments in fields such as music, dance, sports, painting and science.

63rd National Roller Skating Championship

Aarav bags 2 gold medals

Mysuru, Jan. 2- **Aarav Kiran** from Mysuru, representing Karnataka, bagged two gold medals in the Inline Category U-8 to 10 years at the recently held 63rd National Roller Skating Championship at Visakhapatnam.

Aarav bagged his first gold medal in the Rink 4 (1Lap+D) event with a timing of 23.85 seconds and his second gold medal in Rink 5 (500+D) event with a timing of 54.57 seconds.

He is the son of Kiran Shiva and Deepika Kiran couple, residents of Manasinagar, Mysuru.

Aarav Kiran is trained by Adithya S. Rao and M.G. Uma at Elite Roller Skating Association in city.

WORD OF THE DAY

Amortise

Pronunciation: AM-er-tyze (verb)
Meaning: To amortise something, such as a mortgage, is to pay for it by making regular payments over a long period of time.
Origin: When you amortise a loan, you figuratively "kill it off" by paying it down in installments, an idea reflected in the etymology of amortise. The word comes ultimately from a Latin word meaning "to kill" that was formed in part from the Latin noun mors, meaning "death"; it is related both to murder and a word naming a kind of loan that is usually amortised: mortgage. The original use of amortize dates to the 14th century, when amortising was about transferring ownership of a property to a corporation, and especially to an ecclesiastical corporation—that is, a corporation consisting wholly of clergy. Such land was said to be in mortmain, which under the feudal system meant that the property was permanently exempt from a lord's usual payment collections. Mortmain is of course another mors word. Its second syllable comes from Latin manus, meaning "hand," the implication being that the property was held in the dead hand of a corporation—a hand incapable of paying out.
Example: "As part of some of the league's commercial deals — where companies pay the league for rights of some sort — the NFL has received equity or warrants. ... The warrants are priced at fair market value on the date of vesting and amortised over 10 years." — Jacob Feldman and Eben Novy-Williams, Sportico, 5 Aug. 2025.

THE ODD WORD

Pabouche
A slipper.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Chow down

Meaning: When you use term 'Chow down' you mean to sit down to eat.
Origin: The origin of the expression 'Chow down' comes from the US military, with first usage occurring sometime around WWII. The earliest printed use comes from a December 1942 issue of The Hammond Times in a story about sailors' life on a submarine: "'Chow down, sir,' a Negro mess attendant in a white coat informed. Served on navy blue and white china we put away steak, potatoes, peas, and ice cream."
Example: "Dinner's ready; let's chow down!"

QUOTE BOX

I think in terms of the day's resolutions, not the year's. **—Henry Moore**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Last but not least.

SUDOKU

						2		8
		2	1		9		3	
			8		6			
7				9				
	3	4				7	2	
				8				5
			4		2			
	7		5		3	6		
1		6						

Answer to previous puzzle

3	2	5	1	9	4	7	6	8
8	7	6	5	2	3	4	1	9
9	4	1	8	6	7	3	2	5
5	8	3	6	1	9	2	4	7
4	1	2	7	3	5	9	8	6
6	9	7	2	4	8	1	5	3
2	6	9	3	8	1	5	7	4
1	5	4	9	7	6	8	3	2
7	3	8	4	5	2	6	9	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

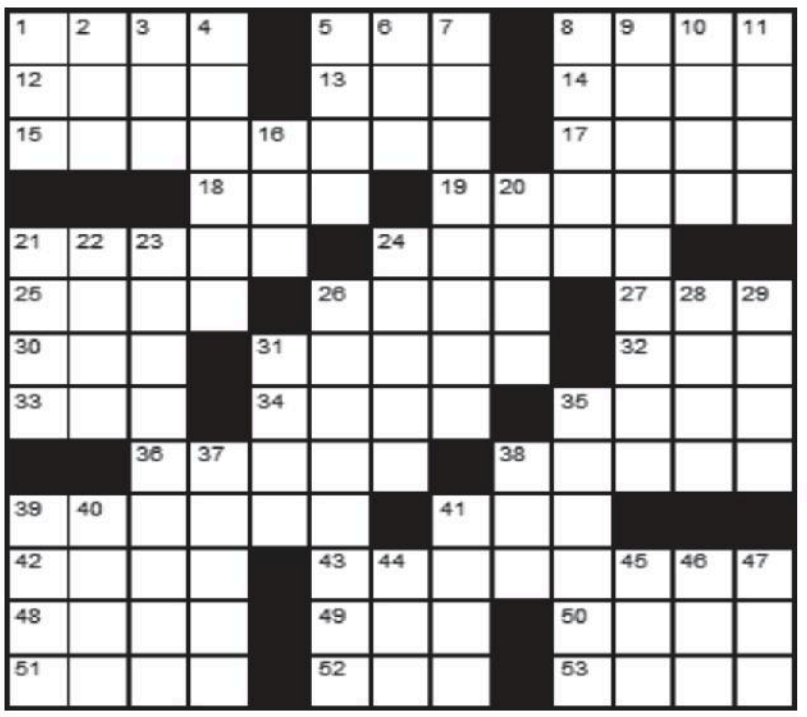
CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Deeds
5 Scanning Tunnelling Microscope, abbr.
8 Summer coolers
12 Entice or attract
13 Rumanian coin
14 Gist or essence
15 Major work of a versifier - Iliad for one? (4,4)
17 Actor Morales
18 Globe or eyeball
19 "B" in BARC?
21 Quite shrewd
24 Add water to lime?
25 Foul-smelling
26 Disturbance
27 Pet name for Louis?
30 Tongues ___ : there is talk?
31 Bypass
32 "Insert" key on your computer key-board, in short
33 Town in Ladakh
34 Martial art ___ fu
35 Places to sleep
36 Article or object
38 Make some allusion to
39 Pillar or support
41 Indian dish
42 A coin of ancient Greece
43 Occupying a clerical position, perhaps ? (2,6)
48 Leonardo da Vinci's ___ Lisa
49 Modern prefix
50 Mountain goats
51 Solicits or requests earnestly
52 Physical training facility
53 Village People hit

DOWN
1 Type of beer
2 Drinking vessel
3 Three as a prefix
4 Endorse
5 Person of no refinement
6 The starting place for each hole on a golf course
7 Speaking indistinctly
8 More or less vertical
9 Distrust, skepticism or doubt
10 Arctic town - "hate" anagram?
11 Branch of Islam
16 Peer or be nosey
20 Male deer
21 Chimney covering
22 Wings or winglike parts
23 All __ ___ : from dust to dawn? (5,4)
24 Wounded by a bee, perhaps
26 Avoiding or ignoring
28 Wave in "la mer"
29 State dissolved in 1991
31 Read superficially
35 Campanile
37 Swaying dances
38 British airforce in short
39 Search carefully
40 Musical instrument
41 Condemn or damn
44 Famous French marshal
45 I think therefore _ __? (1,2)
46 Central Maintenance Comp.
47 Eur. Space Agcy

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	D	S	■	A	T	S	■	■	R	O	K	
M	O	I	■	S	O	U	L	■	W	O	R	K
S	A	D	S	T	O	R	Y	■	I	B	A	R
■	■	■	P	O	L	E	C	A	T	■	■	■
■	S	P	I	N	S	T	E	R	■	T	I	A
O	P	E	C	■	■	Y	E	L	L	I	N	G
N	O	N	E	T	■	■	■	O	U	T	E	R
C	O	N	S	O	L	E	■	■	T	A	R	A
E	N	E	■	P	I	N	P	O	I	N	T	■
■	■	■	D	I	S	C	E	R	N	■	■	■
K	I	W	I	■	L	A	N	T	E	R	N	S
B	L	O	B	■	E	S	T	H	■	S	U	K
C	A	N	■	■	■	H	A	O	■	M	B	A



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

XY XQ H SBHUYSP QPGEYLG MSBF H GHF XQ

RXQQHYXQJXBR MXYSLZY KBXFT RXQOLZVHTBR.

TODAY'S CLUE: T EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Egotism is the anesthetic that dulls the pain of stupidity.

SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Sangam Theatre** — **Ph: 2520494**
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- **Padma Theatre** — **Ph: 2521923**
  Mark (K) - *4 Shows*
- **Woodlands Theatre** — **Ph: 2422871**
  45 (K) - 3 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — **Ph: 2443568**
  The Devil (K) - 4 Shows
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  Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — **Ph: 2420885**
  Akhanda 2: Thaandavam (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Maadeva (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — **Ph: 2423554**
  Dhurandhar (H) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Dhurandhar (H) - 3 Shows

MOVIES AT DRC CINEMAS Ph: 4240422 4241800

45 (K)	:	10 am, 1.10 pm
		7.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10 am, 6.05 pm
		10.10 pm
The Spongebob Movie (E-3D)	:	10.05 am, 12.15 pm
		2.25 pm
Mark (K)	:	10.10 am, 1 pm
		4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Avatar: Fire & Ash (E-3D)	:	2.10 pm
Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	:	4.15 pm
Azad Bharath (H)	:	4.35 pm
Ikkis (H)	:	7.15 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	10.10 pm
The Devil (K)	:	10.15 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Mark (K)	:	10.30 am, 1 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.30 pm
The Ice (K)	:	10.30 am
Ikkis (H)	:	10.40 am, 3.50 pm
The Devil (K)	:	12.30 pm
45 (K)	:	1.20 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.35 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (K)	:	1.30 pm, 5.45 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	4.15 pm, 9 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	9.30 pm
Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	:	9.30 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	9.30 am, 3.40 pm, 9.50 pm
Ikkis (H)	:	9.30 am, 3.10 pm, 9.40 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.35 am, 1.50 pm
		6.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Mark (K)	:	9.35 am, 12.40 pm, 3.45 pm
		6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
45 (K)	:	9.55 am, 1 pm, 4.05 pm
		7.10 pm, 10.15 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	10.45 am, 7.25 pm
The Spongebob Movie (E-3D)	:	1.30 pm, 7.40 pm
Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	:	1.50 pm
Jujutsu Kaisen (Japanese)	:	4.55 pm
The Devil (K)	:	6.15 pm
The Housemaid (E)	:	10.30 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

45 (K)	:	9 am, 12.10 pm, 7.15 pm
Ikkis (H)	:	9.05 am, 2.40 pm
Mark (K)	:	9.50 am, 12.55 pm, 4 pm
		7.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10.25 am, 3.10 pm, 5.45 pm, 10 pm
Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	:	12.05 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	3.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	7.25 pm
The Devil (K)	:	10.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 2)

- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special training sessions to perform simple and diligent Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Venkateshwara Devasthanam, Siddartha Layout, **4 pm to 4.45 pm;** Balamuri Vinayaka Devasthanam, Siddartha Layout, **5.15 pm to 6 pm;** Geetha Shishu Shikshana Sangha (GSSS), T. Narasipur Road, Siddartha Layout, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Maharshi Public School and PU College:** Maharshi Parampare - Annual Day celebrations, Swami Ishtanathanandaji of RIMSE graces the occasion, Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa chief guest, Maharshi Institutions Managing Trustee Dr. Bhavani Shankar presides, Maharshi Institutions premises, Vishweshwaranagar, **4.45 pm.**
- **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Nrityagiri, Mysuru:** Monthly Series of Dance Performances, Bharatanatyam performances by Ashwini Manjunath from the USA, senior disciple of Nrityagiri and Anveshha Madhusudan from Mysuru, disciple of Vidu. Lakshmi Shavanth (senior disciple of Nrityagiri), Nrityagiri premises, #16/1, Preethi Layout, Srirampura, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Mahalakshmi Temple, Kanakadasaranagar (Dattagalli):** Satyanarayana Puja, Temple premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 3)

- **Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy Temple of Melukote Yadugiri Yatiraj Mutt, Mysuru Branch:** Dhanurmasa Puja, Temple premises, Jayalakshmipuram, **5.30 am to 10 am and 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **St. Maria Montessori, Kindergarten & Nursery Teacher Training Institute, Kanakadasanagar and Somanathapura:** 17th year Graduation Day, Dr. T.S. Prasanna Venkatesh, Chief Physician, Sriranga Ayurveda Chikitsa Mandira, Dattagalli, chief guest, L. Narasu Ramachandra, Social Activist, TV Artiste and formerly Head Mistress, guest speaker, K.C. Roopa, Course Director, St. Maria Montessori Training Institute, presides, Ganabharathi Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **11 am.**
- **Sadhana Mandira:** Special training sessions to perform simple and diligent Saraswati Puja by Swami Hamsananda, Sri Venkateshwara Devasthanam, Siddartha Layout, **4 pm to 4.45 pm;** Balamuri Vinayaka Devasthanam, Siddartha Layout, **5.15 pm to 6 pm;** Geetha Shishu Shikshana Sangha (GSSS), T. Narasipur Road, Siddartha Layout, **6.30 pm to 7.15 pm.**
- **Future Foundation Montessori School, Kanakadasanagar and Somanathapura:** Annual Day celebrations (1st to 9th std.), Dr. Halathi Somashekar, writer, poet, formerly BEO, Gundlupet taluk, Chamarajanagar, chief guest, N.M. Shivaprakash, Principal, Govt. M. Sanghasetti PU College, Kuderu, Chamarajanagar and A.L. Umesh, Lecturer, Maharaja's PU College, will be present, Ganabharathi Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Kathe Kelona Banni-913, story-telling by J. Indrani (in-Charge Head Mistress, Govt. Higher Primary School, MCC Colony, Jyothinagar), Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.** [Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115]
- **Maharshi Public School and PU College:** Maharshi Parampare - Annual Day, Maharshi Institutions premises, Vishweshwaranagar, **4.45 pm.**
- **Heritage House and Kala Samhavana Trust, Mysuru:** Sitar Naad Samvaad 2.0 — sitar concert and workshop by sitar maestro Ustad Dr. Mohasin Khan, Heritage House premises, Fire Brigade Main Road, Saraswathipuram, **5 pm.** [Mob: 98861-12881]
- **Lions Club of Mysore West (LCMW):** Annual fund raiser event in aid of Project CARE, Medico Melodies, a musical evening by Dr. Somanath Vasudeva and team, Dr. Jagannath Shenoy and Kusuma Shenoy chief guests, Jagannatha Centre for Art and Culture (JCAC), Vijayanagar, **5.30 pm.** [Ph: 0821-2511254]
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** 69th Anniversary, an endowment in memory of Dr. A.K. Gopalarajan, conferring of 'Nadabrahma' title on Dr. Nagamani Srinath and prize distribution for Nadakishorotsava 2025 winners, 'Devi Vaaggeya Vaibhava,' a musical concert conceived and directed by Dr. Mysore Nagamani Srinath, participating vocalists are Dr. Uma Kumar, Pavani Bharadvaj, Anjali Sriram, Bhagyalakshmi and Chaitra Raghunandan; Instrumentalists are Aditi Krishna Prakash, Smitha Srikiran, Deepika Srinivasan and Bhagyalakshmi M. Krishna, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Suttur Mutt, Mysuru:** Moonlight Music-287, flute recital by Vid. Shashank Subramanyam, accompanied by Vid. Nishanth Chandran on violin, Vid. Arjun Kumar on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujam on ghata, Suttur Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, **6 pm.**
- **Children's Literary Club (CLC), Mysuru:** A talk on 'Rani Gaidinliu: The Iconic Woman of Northeast' by Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU, presently Director, Children's Literary Club, Ranga Rao Memorial Residential School for the Differently abled, Metagalli, **6 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

45 (K)	:	9.40 am, 1 pm
		7.30 pm, 10.10 pm
Mark (K)	:	9.40 am, 12.35 pm, 4.30 pm
		7 pm, 10 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	9.55 am, 2 pm, 6.05 pm, 10.10 pm
Ikkis (H)	:	10 am, 4 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	12.35 pm, 10.30 pm
The Devil (K)	:	3.35 pm
Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	7.05 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Sarvam Maya (Ma)	:	9.15 am, 10.30 pm
Dhurandhar (H)	:	10 am, 2.05 pm, 6.10 pm, 10.15 pm
Mark (K)	:	10.10 am, 12.20 pm, 4.10 pm, 10.10 pm
45 (K)	:	10.15 am, 1.10 pm, 7.10 pm
Ikkis (H)	:	1.15 pm, 7.25 pm
Avatar: Fire and Ash (E-3D)	:	3.20 pm, 10.20 pm
Dheeram (Ma)	:	4.20 pm
Teertharoopa Tandeyavarige (K)	:	7.15 pm

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